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Mr. Desmond V. Gayle
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Re: Gayle v. Hogan, et al., Civil No. 1:CV-01-1282 (M.D. Pa.)

Dear Mr. Gayle:

I have been directed to respond to your recent letters dated April 19 and April 30, 2002.

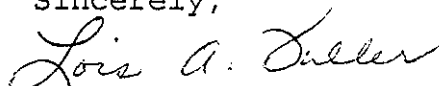
Your letters appear to be similar. In both you appear to request an enlargement of time to conduct discovery while you obtain certain documents from an appeal you have pending in the Third Circuit, docketed at C.A. No. 01-1474.

The Judge has told me that an extension of time to conduct discovery is possible, but you must first file with the Clerk of Court a motion seeking an extension. A request in a letter is not enough. You must serve defense counsel with copies of any such motion, and otherwise comply with the local rules of the court.

On March 29, 2002, defendants filed a motion for summary judgment. To date you have not responded to that motion. If your April letters were also intended as a request for enlargement of time to respond to defendants' motion, that request must also be placed in a motion filed with the Clerk of Court. Alternatively, you must file a brief in opposition to the summary judgment motion that complies with M.D. Pa. Local Rule 7.6, as per a court order filed May 9, 2002.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,


Lois A. Fuller
Pro Se Writ Clerk

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